

WEEKLY REPORT
Region 9
Environmental Protection Agency
Week of September 16, 2016
Superfund Division

Highlight of Past Week


Deliberative Process (b) (5)



NECR and Quivira Mine Sites (Eastern Arizona): EPA has offered voluntary alternative housing to residents living immediately near these two mine sites because of the disruption that will occur during the multi-year remedy construction. One family recently identified a new Homesite location and EPA met with the two local utility companies to discuss the viability of the location. The site appears to meet the utility company requirements and EPA conducted gamma scanning and initial surveying at the site. (Contact: Mark Ripperda, x2-3028, Priscilla Tom, x2-3377)

USEPA Pre-Proposal Conferences on the Navajo Nation (Arizona): EPA held two pre-proposal conferences for the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Navajo Area Uranium Mines Response, Assessment, and Evaluation Services (RAES) contract, as well as a Request for Information (RFI)/Sources Sought for the potential Navajo Area Abandoned Mines Response and Construction Services (AMRCS) procurements the week of September 12. One session was reserved for sharing and discussing the RFP and the afternoon session was reserved for the RFI. The RFP and RFI can be found at: <https://www.fedconnect.net> by search Reference Numbers SOL-R9-16-00002 (RFP) and SOL-R9-16-00003 (RFI) in the “Public Opportunities” section. (Contact: Autumn Roe, x2-3933 or Chip Poalinelli, x2-3390)

Triple Site (Sunnyvale, CA): On Monday, we oversaw the successful one-day installation of the first school building mitigation system (out of ten total) in the Duane/San Miguel Avenue neighborhood. This mitigation system is a sub-slab depressurization system at a stand-alone gymnasium at The King's Academy grades 6-12 school. The construction work was preceded by several months of extensive back-and-forth discussions with the RPs. The alarms and remote communication systems were also installed and confirmed to be working properly.



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(Contact: Melanie Morash, x2-3050 or Alejandro Diaz, x2-3242)

Selma Pressure Treating Company (Selma, CA): EPA staff visited two residential wells located downgradient of the Selma Pressure Treating Company Superfund Site that exceed the State of California MCL for hexavalent chromium (10 µg/L). An emergency response contractor and subcontractor viewed the wells and made initial recommendations for installing reverse osmosis treatment systems to reduce hexavalent chromium concentrations below the State of California MCL. This removal action has been authorized through an Action Memo (signed last week) that covers installation and operation and maintenance of the systems for a 12 month period. After that time, DTSC will be responsible for the cost of regular operation and maintenance. As an interim measure, DTSC is providing bottled water to residents until the systems are installed and operating. (Contact: Grace Ma, x7-4212 or Alejandro Diaz, x2-3242)

CA Adopts Revised Inhalation Risk Factor for PCE: On September 8, the State of California officially adopted their revised, updated inhalation risk factor for PCE. The revised California toxicity criterion changed very slightly from the previous State value. The resultant Screening Level for PCE in indoor air in an industrial setting dropped from 2.1 mg/m³ to 2.0 mg/m³. This compares to a screening level of 47 mg/m³ using EPA's 2012 IRIS toxicity value for PCE, a 23 times difference. California has disputed whether their more-protective value should be used to evaluate risks at Edwards AFB. Documentation of the state's action is published as Notice of Adoption of Inhalation Cancer Unit Risk Factor for Perchloroethylene on the Office of environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) website [\[http://oehha.ca.gov/air/cmr/notice-adoption-inhalation-cancer-unit-risk-factor-perchloroethylene\]](http://oehha.ca.gov/air/cmr/notice-adoption-inhalation-cancer-unit-risk-factor-perchloroethylene)

Anaconda Copper Mine Site (Yerington, NV): The Anaconda Copper Mine Site was proposed to be added to the NPL on September 9 via a publication in the Federal Register. This initiated a 60-day public comment period, of which Region 9 began informing the community in the vicinity of the Site. The Region issued a joint press release with Nevada DEP and U.S. BLM announcing the proposed listing. Region 9 also emailed and mailed a postcard informing the local community about the proposed listing and the public comment period with instructions for submitting comments. The Region contracted with two local weekly newspapers to post a public notice regarding the proposed listing. The Region sent letters to the Yerington Paiute Tribe and the Walker River Paiute Tribe inviting them to consult on the proposed listing. (Contact: Eugenia Chow, x2-3160, Dante Rodriguez, x2-3166, Sarah Cafasso, x2-3076)

Hunters Point Naval Shipyard: Enforcement 7 (A)



Enforcement 7 (A) [REDACTED] . (Contact: Lily Lee, x7-4187)

Enforcement 7 (A) [REDACTED]

(Contact: Karen Henry, x2-3844)

Las Vegas Mercury Release: After completing the assessment of 75 homes for mercury contamination, one home was found to have levels requiring remediation. The remediation of that home has been completed. The EPA team (OSCs Tom Dunkelman and Marty Powell) is demobilizing by September 15. **Deliberative Process (b) (5)** [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The investigation into the cause of the mercury contamination continues and is being handled by the law enforcement arm of the Clark County School District. (Contact: Dan Meer, x2-3132)

Significant Items for Next Week

Clean Air Act 112(r) Inspections on Navajo: **Enforcement 7 (A)** [REDACTED]

(Contact: Jeremy Johnstone, x2-3499)

South Coast Air Quality Management District Risk Management Program Briefing: Deliberative Process (b) (5) [REDACTED]

(Contact: Kathryn Lawrence, x2-3039)

Oceania Regional Response Team, State Emergency Response Commission and Local Emergency Planning Committee Meetings: On September 19-23, we will hold a series of meetings with response, preparedness and prevention partners in Honolulu. Deliberative Process (b) (5) [REDACTED]

Contact: Dan Meer, x2-3132)

Press Stories, Significant Policy, Regulatory, or Legal Actions (2-3 weeks out)

Grant Announcements

Legislative Engagement

Travel, Training, Public/National Meetings, and Speaking Engagements

30-60 Day Outlook

Other Information

Division Director Schedule: Internal Personnel (b) (2)

Internal to Region 9

Confidential Information